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For: **INTERCONNECT MODULE FOR USE IN A SUSPENSION
ASSEMBLY**

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 30, 2001, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the response time from July 30, 2001, to August 30, 2001, accompanies this response.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend claims 14, 18, 21, 24, 27, 31, and 34 as follows:

(1) ~~14. (Three Times Amended) A suspension assembly comprising:
a slider/head assembly [having a connecting end;]
a suspension having a connecting end and electrically conducting paths; and
an interconnect module coupling the connecting ends of the suspension and the
slider/head assembly to route one or more data signals between said electrically
conducting paths and said slider/head assembly, such that the connecting end of the~~